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TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT:CODEL BARTLETT AND MCCLOSKEY

1. SEPTELS CONTAIN TRAVEL INFORMATION ON CODEL BARTLETT AND MCCLOSKEY. IN EA BUREAU DISCUSSIONS WITH MCCLOSKEY FEBRUARY 21, INCLUDING MCCLOSKEY-HABIB TALK, WE HAVE IDENTIFIED VARIOUS INTERESTS WHICH CONGRESSMAN MCCLOSKEY WILL PURSUE DURING VIET-NAM STAY.

2. YOU SHOULD KNOW THAT MCCLOSKEY HAS BEEN PERMITTED TO READ ALDRICH MEMO OF FEBRUARY 22, 1973 ON INTERPRETATIONS OF PARIS AGREEMENT AS WELL AS MOST RECENT NIE ON VIET-NAM. CIA ALSO PERMITTED MCCLOSKEY TO READ A BRIEFING PAPER ON SOVIET AND CHINESE AID TO NORTH VIET-NAM. MCCLOSKEY HAS CONSISTENTLY MADE IT CLEAR, IN THE NUMEROUS DISCUSSIONS WE HAVE HAD WITH HIM THIS WEEK, THAT HE DESIRES THE FULLEST AND MOST ACCURATE INFORMATION AVAILABLE. THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH HABIB'S ASSURANCE THAT IT HAS BEEN OUR INTENTION TO PROVIDE FULL INFORMATION TO THOSE WHO HAD INTENDED TO PARTICIPATE IN CONGRESSIONAL TRIP PLANNED

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FOR THIS WEEK. WE HAVE UNDERTAKEN ON THIS END TO DEAL

WITH HIM IN PRECISELY THOSE TERMS, AND REQUEST EMBASSY
TO ENSURE THAT ALL CONCERNED DO LIKEWISE.

3. ONE OF CONGRESSMAN MCCLOSKEY'S PRIMARY LINES OF
INQUIRY, WE ANTICIPATE, WILL BE TO DEVELOP HIS OWN
ANALYSIS OF PRESENT USG POLICY BY RETRACING HISTORY
SINCE 1973 PARIS AGREEMENT IN TERMS OF RECORD OF
COMPLIANCE OF ALL PARTIES CONCERNED.

4. ON OTHER SPECIFIC AREAS OF INTEREST, MCCLOSKEY
INDICATED DESIRE TO VISIT ALL FOUR MRS, IF POSSIBLE.
HE DOES NOT WANT SOCIAL FUNCTIONS, ALTHOUGH HABIB
SUGGESTED WORKING LUNCHES OR DINNERS COULD BE USEFUL,
AND MCCLOSKEY AGREED. HE WILL BE SEEKING EVIDENCE
REGARDING NORTH VIET-NAM MILITARY INTENTIONS. CORRUPTION
IS A SUBJECT HIGH ON HIS LIST. (FYI MCCLOSKEY TOLD
AMBASSADOR PHUONG TODAY THAT HE WAS GOING TO ASK
VIETNAMESE GENERALS AND MINISTERS TO FILL OUT SOME FORMS
HE IS CARRYING WITH HIM ALONG THE LINES OF A FINANCIAL
STATEMENT. PHUONG WAS AGHAST, AND SO TOLD MCCLOSKEY,
AS WELL AS HABIB. MCCLOSKEY DID NOT MENTION SUBJECT
TO US.) AT HIS REQUEST, WE HAVE PROVIDED MCCLOSKEY
WITH A LIST OF PRISONS, AND WE ANTICIPATE HE WILL WANT
TO VISIT ONE OR MORE PRISONS AND/OR INTERROGATION
CENTERS.

5. FOR PHNOM PENH. HABIB URGED MCCLOSKEY TO JOIN
BARTLETT IN TRIP TO PHNOM PENH, AND MCCLOSKEY INDICATED
HIS ENTHUSIASM TO DO SO. EMBASSY SAIGON IS REQUESTED
TO ARRANGE AIR TRANSPORT FOR PHNOM PENH TRIP. TYPE OF
ACTIVITIES DESCRIBED IN PHNOM PENH 3030 WOULD BE
APPROPRIATE FOR CODEL BARTLETT AND MCCLOSKEY.

6. FOR SAIGON. SCHEDULING FOR MCCLOSKEY AND BARTLETT
SHOULD BE WORKED OUT WITH CODEL UPON ARRIVAL. HOWEVER,
CODEL WOULD APPRECIATE INITIAL BRIEFING AT EMBASSY.
THEY WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO
CALL ON PRESIDENT THIEU. KISSINGER

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